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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel


SUBJECT: Request by Senator Jacob K. Javits for  
Re-evaluation of Soviet Oil Offensive

1. We are aware of a letter from the office of Senator Jacob K. Javits to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of State which requests a re-evaluation of the Soviet oil offensive. The request is based on the Senator's reading of a recent Polish publication which describes East Europe as a long-term energy-deficit area. Senator Javits suggested the possibility that the Soviet Union might, therefore, shift its oil exports from Western to Bloc countries.

2. Upon receipt of the letter, both the Department of State and the Department of Interior requested the participation of a representative of our Fuels Branch in the preparation of a response to Senator Javits. Interior is drafting the reply and State has indicated that it will simply concur. We have reviewed the draft reply for substantive content, but are not associated officially with the reply.

3. ORR has a research project, soon to be published, which addresses itself to the question posed by Senator Javits. The project is entitled Soviet Oil Offensive on Decline and is classified **CONFIDENTIAL**. If deemed useful, we can provide your office with a copy of this paper for transmittal to Senator Javits.

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